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re application of

: Confirmation No. 3667

Ryo GOITSUKA

: Docket No. 2001_0614A

Serial No. 09/856,061

: Group Art Unit 1653

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: Examiner L. Mayes

MAST CELL-SPECIFIC SIGNAL TRANSDUCER
AND cDNA THEREOF

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated April 30, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for five months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction and an election of species.

Applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1 and 2.

For the species, Applicant elects the sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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